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January 25, 1952

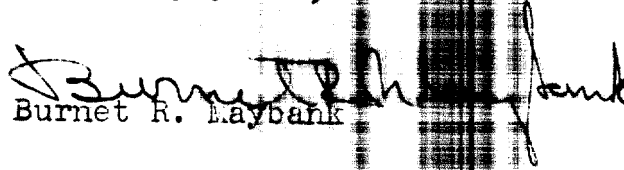
Major General C. L. Chennault
Suite 309, Kass Building
711 - 14th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear General:

The enclosed letter has just
been received from the Department of State
in response to your inquiry concerning the
seventy-two transport planes.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


Burnet R. Maybank

enclosure

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON



January 24, 1952

In reply refer to
CA 993.52/1-1452

My dear Senator Maybank:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 14, 1952, addressed to Mr. Webb, regarding the aircraft held in Hong Kong in connection with the litigation in which General Chennault and his associates are involved, and expressing concern that the State Department take the necessary action to insure the return of the planes.

In reply, I am pleased to inform you that the Department has been assured that, until the ownership of the aircraft has been determined by judicial process, the aircraft will be detained in Hong Kong. An appeal is now to be made by General Chennault and his associates to the Privy Council in England. The Privy Council's decision will determine the question of ownership. Should this decision not be favorable to General Chennault and his associates, there would remain the question whether the aircraft shall be permitted to depart from Hong Kong. It is of interest to the United States, of course, that effective possession of these planes shall be denied to the Chinese Communists. In view of this concern, you may be assured that the Department of State will continue to follow these proceedings closely and to take all steps which it believes will protect the interests of the United States.

Sincerely yours,

Jack K. McFall
Assistant Secretary

The Honorable
Burnet R. Maybank,
United States Senate.

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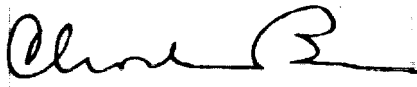
General Claire Lee Chennault
309 Kass Building
711 - 14th Street, NW
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Chennault:

With further reference to your letter to me of January 12 and my reply of January 15, I enclose a letter I have just received from the State Department in which I feel you will be interested.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,


Charles E. Bennett, M. C.

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Enclosure

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON



January 23, 1952

In reply refer to
CA

My dear Mr. Bennett:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 15, 1952 regarding the aircraft held in Hong Kong in connection with the litigation in which General Chennault and his associates are involved, and expressing concern that the State Department take the necessary action to insure the denial of these planes to the Chinese Communists.

In reply, I am pleased to inform you that the Department has been assured that, until the ownership of the aircraft has been determined by judicial process, the aircraft will be detained in Hong Kong. An appeal is now to be made by General Chennault and his associates to the Privy Council in England. The Privy Council's decision will determine the question of ownership. Should this decision not be favorable to General Chennault and his associates, there would remain the question whether the aircraft shall be permitted to depart from Hong Kong. It is of interest to the United States, of course, that effective possession of these planes shall be denied to the Chinese Communists. In view of this concern, you may be assured that the Department of State will continue to follow these proceedings closely and to take all steps which it believes will protect the interests of the United States.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

Jack K. McFall
Assistant Secretary

The Honorable
Charles E. Bennett,
House of Representatives.

Mr. ~~D. Miles~~: 1/30/52

Mr. Hedden brought these
in - thought they would be of
interest to you.

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JAN 31 1952